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Teachers in aided elementary schools

* 75 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by the Government that teachers in aided elementary schools that opted as non-fee-levying from 1st June 1959 need to be paid salaries as per the entries in their Service Registers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government have decided that there is no need to change the original order that these teachers should be allowed the pay last drawn by them as per the Service Register or the pay fixed in the Government scale whichever was less.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Did the Government take into consideration the representation of the teachers that the difference should be given as personal pay, because it was an actual deduction in what they were getting?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Now that the revised scale of pay is given, this should give satisfaction to all.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, since the Government themselves admit the entries in the service registers as attested by the departmental officers, will they not consider the justice behind the claim and see that no teacher's salary is reduced?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I have already stated, and it was also announced, that we would give the Government scale of pay or the actual pay they were receiving, whichever was less. I do not think it would be justifiable on the part of the Government to undertake a greater liability.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, will the Government look into facts and figures, go through the representations, and then find out whether or not these teachers' salaries were actually reduced from the 1st June 1959 by this new formula of the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: They were being paid by persons who were collecting fees, and I do not see why they alone should get a greater advantage than other teachers who have to serve in schools where no fees are levied. Now that the same pattern is being adopted, they should fall in line with other schools and no extra claim should be made.

Aided High School at Arkonam

* 76 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY, SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that salaries of teachers have not been disbursed for some months in an Aided High school at Arkonam, North Arcot district;

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(*b*) whether any representation has been received recently by the Government on the matter; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) : Yes, Sir.

(*c*) The Director of Public Instruction has taken steps to disburse the salaries of the teachers through the District Educational Officer with the help of the Government grant. He is also examining the question of taking action against the Headmaster and the Correspondent of the school under the Madras Educational Rules.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : It is a chronic disease with this school. This is not the first instance when payment of salaries to teachers is delayed. May I know what action the Government are going to take as regards this school?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member seems to have better information than I that this is a chronic case. In some cases this is happening, and we are trying to rectify it. But I would submit that it is only in rare cases schools are delaying payment of salaries.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, is it not a fact that on account of many irregularities, grant has been withheld for two years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. As a matter of fact, the main difficulty arises when the schools commit irregularities. Then grants are not paid. When once there is non-payment of salary to the teachers, further increase in the amount of salary to the teachers is caused in the process.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Irregularities are not those like misappropriation. If it is an irregularity of a routine nature, may I request the Government to see that the grant is paid directly to teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAIM : Whenever complaints are received, we have been disbursing directly the Government grant available to the teachers.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : The irregularity arises out of payment of compensation to institutions who give fee concessions to pupils belonging to backward communities and Harijans. The certificates required of them are not properly filled in. Cannot this responsibility be taken away from the schools and given to the Welfare Officers in charge of each district? Then the schools will be in a position to submit clean records.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know how Welfare Officers can get the facts and figures with reference to each student. This will be a real difficulty. After all, we have to take some responsibility in respect of the children studying in our schools.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Is there not a rule in force that a decent amount—say a month's requirements—should be deposited by the managements?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There is now a provision for creating endowments for this purpose. When these endowments are available, they are also utilised.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Sir, is it not a fact that this rule applies to schools that came into existence after 1948, and that in respect of the schools which were in existence before 1948, there is no such rule?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: That is so, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE*: DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN: At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-30 p.m. to-day (5th September 1960), the following programme of business has been decided:—

6th September 1960, *Tuesday*, 3 *p.m.*

1. The Madras Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 12 of 1960).

2. The Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1960).

3. The Madras (Transferred Territory) Extension of Laws Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 17 of 1960).

4. The Madras Panchayat Union Councils (Special Provisions for First Constitution) Bill, 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 19 of 1960).

7th September 1960, *Wednesday*, *8th September* 1960, *Thursday* and *9th September* 1960, *Friday*, 3 *p.m.*

Discussion on the Draft Outline of the Third Five-Year Plan.

Further programme of business will be decided on 9th September 1960.

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

(1) THE MADRAS SALES OF MOTOR SPIRIT TAXATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 (L.A. BILL NO. 23 OF 1960).

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation (Amendment) Bill [a], 1960 (L.A. Bill No. 23 of 1960), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration.'

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 27 infra.